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SUBJ: JP DEVELOPMENTS AND FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT

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JUSTICE PARTY (JP) SENATE AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GROUPS MET NOVEMBER 1 AND REACHED TWO NOTEWORTHY, BUT CONTRADICTORY CONCLUSIONS: (A) PARTY LEADER DEMIREL WAS VOTED A FREE HAND TO ENTER FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND OTHER PARTY LEADERS IN CONNECTION WITH FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET AND (B) DEMIREL SUPPORTERS WERE DEFEATED OR BARELY WON IN ELECTIONS FOR GROUP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN BOTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND SENATE.

ON FIRST POINT, DEMIREL WAS GIVEN FULL AUTHORITY BY JP GROUPS TO NEGOTIATE PERSONALLY WITH OTHER PARTY LEADERS ON ANY POSSIBILITIES OF FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR "EARLY" ELECTIONS. HE WILL MEET AGAIN WITH JP ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD AT 1700 LOCAL NOVEMBER 2 TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED WITH THIS MANDATE.

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AT THE SAME TIME, AND OBVIOUSLY LIMITING DEMIREL'S MANEUVERING

ROOM, HIS SUPPORTERS LOST THE TWO KEY VOTES IN SELECTING JP PARLIAMENTARY LEADERSHIP FOR THE TERM BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1. IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ALI NIHA ERDEM, LONG A LEADER IN ANTI-DEMIREL WING OF JP, WAS ELECTED AS JP GROUP LEADER. DEPUTY LEADER'S POSITION WAS WON BY ONLY FOUR VOTES BY PRO-DEMIREL ILHAM ERTEM. IN SENATE, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, WHO HAS LONG BEEN CLOSE POLITICALLY AND PERSONALLY TO DEMIREL, LOST RACE FOR GROUP LEADER TO RELATIVELY UNKNOWN (AND PROBABLY ANTI-DEMIREL) KOCAELI SENATOR LUTFU TOKOGLU.

COMMENT: IMMEDIATE RESULT OF THIS CONFLICTING SITUATION IS THAT DEMIREL HAS AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE OVER COMING DAYS WITH ECEVIT AND OTHER PARTY LEADERS IN CONTINUING EFFORTS TO FORM NEW CABINET. FOR LONGER RUN, HIS LEADERSHIP POSITION WITHIN PARLIAMENTARY WING OF PARTY HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN WEAKENED.
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